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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Magnolia Elementary School's Science Bowl team was honored by the city council for winning the Prince George's County Public Schools Science Bowl championship, an interscholastic science literacy competition. Left to right in front of city councilmembers: Assiatu Bantama, Jordan Love, Kristen Beauchamp, Kortez Logan and Madison Maragliano, captain. Also pictured are school principal Phyllis Gillens and Robert Allen, coach. Team member Kevin Hedgeman was not present at the council recognition ceremony.

Washington Post Picks Up F.B.I. Relocation Story

by James Giese

The Washington Post has picked up on and expanded a story first reported by Mary Willis Clarke in the April 29 issue of this paper. Clarke had reported on papers filed in a lawsuit against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) by Greenbelt Ventures, LLC which suggest that WMATA and Greenbelt Metroland, LLC, prospective developer of Greenbelt Metro Station property, had met with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation about using the land adjacent to the Metro Station for a possible FBI relocation, a major change from already approved concept plans.

In its May 16 Metro section article, Ovetta Wiggins reported that the revelation about plans to relocate the FBI headquarters are buried in a 118-page response to a motion by Metro to dismiss the lawsuit and credits the Greenbelt News Review for first reporting the information.

FBI Comments

Wiggins further reported that

FBI spokesperson Bill Carter had said that there had been preliminary discussions "before the economy tanked" to move the headquarters from the J Edgar Hoover Building on Pennsylvania Avenue. He also indicated that many sites were under consideration, Wiggins reported. Carter also credited Senator Barbara A. Mikulski with pushing for the relocation to Maryland, according to Wiggins. While not aware of the Greenbelt site being under consideration, Carter mentioned consideration being given to a site at National Harbor, according to the Post article. Carter also was reported to indicate that there was no imminent plan to relocate the FBI.

Wiggins contacted Jon Petersen, senior vice president and owner of Petersen Cos., the developer of National Harbor south of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge on the Potomac River. He said that a bid had been submitted to

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Two Staff Cuts and Reduction Within Public Works Budget

by Thomas X. White

With Councilmembers Leta Mach and Silke Pope unable to attend, a five-member Greenbelt City Council was present on Wednesday, May 5 to review the Public Works Department budget. Public Works Director Kenny Hall, Assistant Director of Operations Carolyn Clemens, Recycling Coordinator Louisa Robles and Assistant Director of Parks Lesley Riddle, along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and City Treasurer Jeff Williams were on hand to discuss the department's proposed budget issues and challenges for Fiscal Year 2011.

Choosing to forego any introductory remarks, the Public Works officials instead provided a three to four minute slide show that was a montage of selected scenes around town that said more in pictures than words could to describe the department's operations. The show closed with a photo of the department's landscaping handiwork.

The only introductory remarks offered were that the proposed FY11 departmental budget elim-

inated two positions in street maintenance and special operations, saving the department about \$160,000.

Taking a cue from the mayor, other councilmembers asked about various lists that provide additional budget related information they are used to receiving during budget reviews. Some such lists were at hand for the worksession and council was assured others would be made available.

One initial question to the director was whether the staff reduction would adversely affect the department's operations. Hall assured council that, "in spite of the loss of the two positions, the department will be able to maintain the crews at a good level and reduce overtime."

Riddle was asked about the progress of the Three Sisters Garden Project and it was reported that the garden at the Community Center was well underway and sites in Greenbelt West and in Greenbelt East were still under consideration. For Greenbelt East, Councilmember Edward Putens suggested a site on Hanover Parkway near the approach

to Good Luck Road.

Storm Aftermath

Council was also interested in the status of the so-called "After Storm Report" that the Federal Emergency Management Administration issues following snow storms that warrant reimbursements to local governments for their snow removal costs. Hall said the report would not be issued until sometime this summer; nevertheless, the FY11 budget projects a federal payment of \$65,000. Other concerns included the Crescent Road crosswalk at St. Hugh's School, the condition of the ballfields at Schrom Hills Park, drainage at the Little League field and city recycling issues. Whether or not a school remains at the St. Hugh's location, the staff believe that crosswalk will continue to be used by students making their way to Greenbelt Elementary School and must be maintained.

The staff also was aware of the ballfield issues, which were addressed in time for the season opening. The Little League field

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Recreation Budget Proposes Cuts In Pool Hours, New Year Program

by Diane Oberg

On Wednesday, May 12 the Greenbelt City Council reviewed the Fiscal Year 2011 Recreation Department Budget. During the nearly 4-hour discussion there were a few tense moments mostly regarding the proposed cuts in pool hours and the Greenbelt New Year celebration.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget calls for a 3 percent cut in spending on recreation and parks from the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. However, the proposed amount is nearly identical to the estimated FY10 spending. The parks budget was discussed during a prior meeting with Public Works staff. The May 12 discussion focused solely on recreation issues.

Under McLaughlin's proposal, recreation and parks spending would total \$5.1 million, accounting for 20 percent of total city expenditures. This compares with the current year's adopted budget of \$5.3 million and estimated expenditures of \$5.1 million. Parks expenditures account for \$1.1 million of that total leaving \$4.1 million for recreation, which would be a 3.4 percent drop from the FY10 adopted budget and a 0.3 percent increase from FY10 estimated expenditures.

Most of the worksession was

a discussion of the accomplishments and issues, budget or otherwise, facing the department. A number of departmental staffers were present to discuss their areas of responsibility. Since the retirement of long-time director Hank Irving at the end of last year, the recreation department has been led by two "co-acting directors," Julie McHale and Joe McNeal. The budget provides for hiring a new director.

The goals for the department outlined by McNeal and McHale include expanding the "Get Active Greenbelt" program, expanding the youth sports program beyond soccer, expanding arts outreach to other schools serving Greenbelt and expanding the "Get Wii Active for Seniors" program. McNeal stated that the cost reductions imposed by the budget will not significantly affect services.

Pool Hours

The greatest heat was over McLaughlin's proposal to close the Aquatic and Fitness Center at 10 p.m. on weekdays (30 minutes earlier) and at 9 p.m. on weekends (1 hour earlier). Check-in information show that on average just three people on weekdays and none on weekends enter the pool after 10 p.m. En-

trances steadily decline during the evening hours with 651 between 5 and 6, 556 from 6 to 7, 482 from 7 to 8, 331 from 8 to 9, 107 from 9 to 10 and 3 after 10 p.m. on weekdays. Weekend evening entrances are even lower, with just 14 people arriving after 9 p.m.

Clement Lau urged council not to close the pool early. The arrival information must be interpreted carefully, he said, people who arrived earlier are still using the facility. Lau noted that the door is closed at 10:15. According to information handed out by Supervisor Stephen Parks, the reduction in hours is estimated to save nearly \$10,500.

Mayor Judith Davis told Lau that the city has to economize. Council has been accused, she said, of giving in to everyone. "We're not going to do that this time." In the most heated discussion of the evening, Davis appeared incredulous when Lau suggested that the city could keep the current hours if it furloughed city staff. He noted that as a state employee he has taken 10 furlough days this fiscal year.

While no one joined Lau's call for furloughs, the idea of

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 22

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

Monday, May 24

8 p.m., City Council Meeting and Public Hearings on the Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, May 26

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., AARP/Walgreens Wellness Bus Tour, free health screenings, Municipal Building Parking Lot

7:30 p.m., Council Worksessions on Welcome Wagon Program

8 p.m., Greenbrook Lake Maintenance, Greenbelt Community Center

Thursday, May 27

7:30 p.m., GDC and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Board Room

Friday, May 28

9:30 a.m., Free Pre-School Puppet Show with Mandy the Clown, Youth Center Gym

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for a Happy Lost Cat Ending

I walk a lot in Greenbelt with my dogs and I take notice when I see a “Lost Pet” sign. I sometimes walk a different route if I think I might be able to help find a missing dog or cat. I know which animals make it back to the safety of home and which ones do not. Sometimes I see strays come up out of the Agriculture Center looking for food – such as the big red dog, now named Tarzan, who roamed Greenbelt a few years ago. We are fortunate to have a tight-knit animal-caring community – and the resources of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

Last week my indoor cat got lost outside. After a sleepless night looking for him, I went to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter to report him missing. The volunteer there showed me all the cats to see if one might be mine. When Susie Root, the Animal Control Officer, came in she gave me several tips to help locate him. She also said that Old Greenbelt was a safe place for him to be lost because neighbors look out for lost companion animals. She made me believe that I might see my elderly cat again.

With renewed hope I put out signs and spent another night sitting waiting to see if he appeared. On Saturday afternoon a gentleman called to say he had seen my sand-colored cat almost a quarter of a mile from the house. I went there with a blanket and treats a couple times. Just as it was getting dark, my cat appeared, meowing away and looking quite ready to come home.

I know we were very fortunate. I looked in enough storm

drains and sewers to know that a frightened cat can find all kinds of places to hide. A frightened cat doesn’t always answer back when you call them.

I thank the folks who took down my phone number and said that they would call. I thank my neighbor Midge who also searched and kept an eye out. And I especially thank the man who called to say “I just saw your cat” and gave me very detailed information so that I was able to search in the right place. And a special thanks to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter folks who deal with missing animals all the time.

I hope someone goes to look at the large buff cat at the shelter “who has been there a long time.” He could use a home too!

Thank you again, Greenbelt.
Kat Pearthree and Big Cat

THANKS

Thanks to all our wonderful friends and neighbors in Greenbelt for the many cards and outpouring of sympathy to me, my husband and family on the loss of our grandson John Stratchko. God bless all of you.

Julia and Eugene Stratchko

One Rule for All

Regarding the letters about the Greenbelt police questioning several young African American men who were having a conversation in Old Greenbelt, I think it is critical that our community address how the legacy of our whites-only founding lives on today.

Before moving to Old Greenbelt almost five years ago, I checked demographics and thought I was moving to a racially integrated community, which was a priority for me. After moving

in, I discovered that Old Greenbelt has stayed predominately white while newer parts of the city are majority African American. Over the past couple years, I’ve been talking to people about this pattern and the issues underlying it. I’ve heard or read in this paper stories of African American people being questioned by the police for simply carrying out the daily acts of living – driving through Old Greenbelt, stopping to talk with friends and changing a license plate (in this case the woman’s neighbor called the police about suspicious activity). One young African American man employed at a local car dealership told someone I know that he’d love to live somewhere like Old Greenbelt but after being stopped by police while driving in the community he didn’t feel he belonged here. My friend’s cousin was also stopped while driving through Old Greenbelt.

On Sunday I was at Roosevelt Center and witnessed two white, middle-aged women exchange

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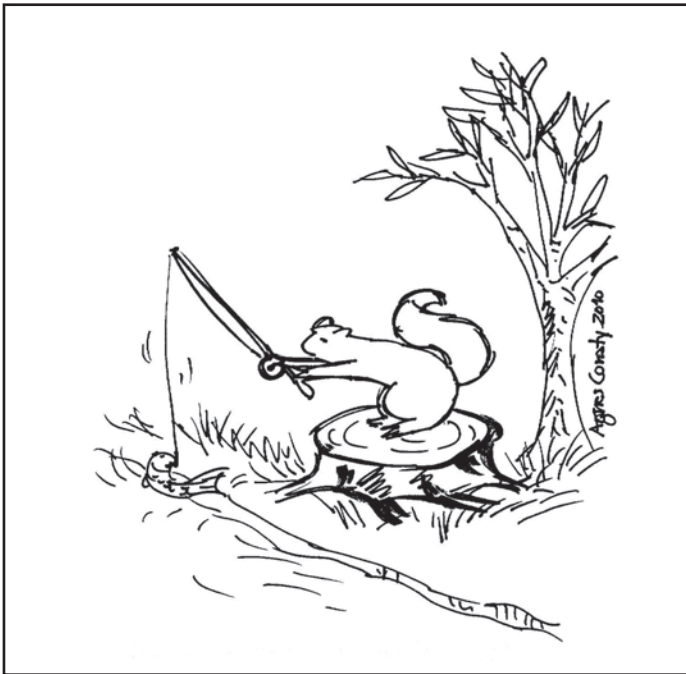
Clarifications

In the police page story by Kevin Fisher in which he describes a vehicle which fled as being pursued by police, the editor’s note at the end incorrectly stated the police account of the incident.

That account does not refer to a police pursuit but only to an effort by police to stop the vehicle in which the driver chose to flee, resulting in the car striking two other vehicles. According to Kelly Lawson, community relations officer for the department, the police department was never actually pursuing the stolen vehicle.

After the May 13 issue was completed, Greenbelt Homes Inc. board candidate Laura Moore withdrew from the race. Although the information provided in the front page article on GHI’s annual meeting and in the Candidate Biographies ad lists her as a candidate, Moore has withdrawn and is no longer seeking election to the board.

Grin Belt



“Don’t worry Mom, there are no oil spills in this water.”

Council Opts for .4-cent Tax Hike

At its final budget worksession on May 19 council discussed several minor changes to the manager’s proposed budget that resulted in a difference of +\$81,900 in the final budget. In a straw vote on whether to use the additional funds to reduce the .4-cent increase in the tax rate, council by a 4 to 3 margin opted to retain the

.4-cent tax increase and add to city reserves.

With continued discussion Councilmember Konrad Herling changed his vote to retain the increase with only Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Rodney Roberts voting for no tax increase. Council will officially set the tax rate when it adopts the budget on June 7.

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Corrections

Mixed signals led us to incorrectly announce a weekly kids clothing swap at the Farmers Market. There will be just two such events during the season (provided it does not rain): the first this Sunday, May 23 and once more in late fall.

In the front page article on the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. annual meeting and elections last week, we inadvertently omitted the name of board candidate Irv Wartell.

In the photo caption on page 10 last week of the signing of the city-FOP bargaining agreement, we managed to misspell the name of attorney Stephen Silvestri.

The date for the inurnment at Arlington Cemetery for Ronald and Patricia Ann Sweeney is not until July 6, not the earlier date erroneously stated in the obituary for Mrs. Sweeney in the May 13 issue.

The News Review regrets the errors.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF MAY 21

Letters to Juliet

(PG)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*3, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 24 through 28 will be:

Monday – Grilled chicken patty on a bun, home-fried potatoes, diced carrots, cherry crisp.

Tuesday – Creamy celery soup, corned beef on rye, macaroni salad, four-bean salad, fresh melon.

Wednesday – All sites closed for Health & Fitness Day.

Thursday – Lentil and rice soup, sliced roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed chopped greens, peach supreme.

Friday – Orange juice, barbecued pork on a bun, creamy cole slaw, baked beans, mixed fruit cup.

No lunch will be served on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 20, 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., GHI Elections – Board Room

6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – GHI Lobby

Saturday, May 22, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Yard Sale – GHI Lawn

11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Thursday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, May 28, Offices closed (emergency maintenance available by calling 301-474-6011)

Monday, May 31, Offices closed, Memorial Day (emergency maintenance available by calling 301-474-6011)

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Astronomy Lecture, Meeting Is May 27

The May meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Owens Science Center and features a presentation by Dr. Harold Williams on “Astrolabes through Dark Ages to Present Dark Matter.”

Williams is director of the Montgomery College Planetarium in Takoma Park. In addition, he regularly teaches courses in astronomy, physics and mathematics in a variety of venues. He received his Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in physics and mathematics, a Master of Science from the State University of New York-Stony Brook and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University.

The Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. Admission is free.

ACE Science Club Meeting on May 27

The ACE Children’s Science Club will meet on Thursday, May 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Free to all Greenbelt children from 8 to 14, the ACE Science Club and ACE Reading Club are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and administered by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education. Come to enjoy science experiments, explorations, magic tricks and more.

The Science Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, with future meetings on June 24 and July 22.

U.S. Foreign Policy Is Explorations Topic

Friday, May 28 Explorations Unlimited will host a lecture by Mark Croatti on foreign policy and the Obama administration, giving a sneak preview of a course he will teach this summer at the Community Center.

Titled “The Castros, Cesar Chavez and Latin American Leftism,” Croatti points out that Cuba and Venezuela will soon have a change of leaders – one due to the course of nature and the other from new elections. He will discuss what this means for the future of leftism in Latin America and examines the latest activities under President Barack Obama.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Star Party Saturday At Northway Fields

Members of the public are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a star party Saturday evening, May 22, at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway fields. Several members will also have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 8:45 p.m.

Objects to be observed include planets Saturn and Mars. In addition, several nice star clusters and nebulae may be seen. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in the hobby of astronomy.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill.

Free Youth Concert In Roosevelt Center

On Saturday, May 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Roosevelt Center, the Robert Goddard Middle School Jazz Band and the Electric Strings Ensemble will perform in concert, the first of two free spring concerts in the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series. The Peterson series is a program produced by the New Deal Café and sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the Jim Cassels Award.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, May 20 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Thursday is also weekly open microphone night, open to song, poetry or prose, even stories from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, May 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Piano Man John Guernsey plays snappy jazz and blues tunes (on Fridays and Saturdays). From 8 to 11 p.m. Alex Gordon plays Indie pop/folk music.

Saturday, May 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. is the first concert in the outdoor Eileen Peterson Youth Music Concert Series featuring the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and the Robert Goddard Electric Strings outside at Roosevelt Center. Classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays inside the Café during that time every Saturday. The Zekiah Swampcats’ bluegrass will be the Saturday night headline act inside the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, May 23 and again the following Sunday, May 30, Jim Stimson will play relaxing, royal Renaissance lute music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 5 to 8 p.m. there will be an art reception for the “The Art of Healing the Chesapeake” in tribute of Tom Wisner, the “Bard of the Chesapeake.”

Next Week

Steve Haug returns with folk music from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25. Wednesday, May 26 is Open Cajun Music Jam night from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27 the monthly Songwriters Association of Washington Open Microphone night will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Kerq plays a fusion of jazz and funk music from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday, May 28.

Grateful Dead comes to the Café via the rock-and-roll Badger Band from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, May 29. And Sunday, May 30 is to be “techno DJ night” from 5 to 8 p.m. with Arthur Loves Plastic.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Alex Gordon Hi-Fi To Play at Café

On Friday, May 21 from 8 to 11 p.m. Alex Gordon Hi-Fi will perform at the New Deal Café. A guitarist-songwriter, Gordon is a solo performer and will play original material from his albums “Stock Footage,” “To Fall Upon Deaf Ears” and newest album “Modern Man and The Upright Shuffle.” He is also the author and illustrator of two children’s books and creator of an online radio program for young people.

More information about Gordon is at www.whoisalexgordon.com.

GreenBeLT Pride Picnic Is June 6

GreenBeLT Pride, the city’s social organization for gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender residents and their friends, will host a Pride Month picnic at Buddy Attick Park on Sunday, June 6 at noon. Nationwide, June is the month gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people celebrate their history and community.

Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share.

RSVP at www.greenbeltpride.org or by phone to 240-432-2489.

Free Health Tests Offered May 26

On Wednesday, May 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the AARP/Walgreens Wellness Tour bus will be at the Greenbelt Municipal Building parking lot for a GAIL-sponsored health fair.

The program offers all adults 18 and over six free health screenings: bone density, cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, waist circumference and body mass analysis. No appointment is necessary, results are immediate and from start to finish all six screenings take around 20 to 25 minutes. The free screenings are conducted inside the vehicle and are valued at more than \$140. In addition a free one-year AARP membership will be given to all seniors who receive screenings.

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Logo Contest for 75th Anniversary Activities

The Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee is seeking entries in its logo and slogan contest. The logo and slogan will be used on posters, banners, T-shirts and other items. It must contain the word Greenbelt and 1937-2012.

Entries must be submitted by June 25 in hard copy to Isabelle Gournay, 7 Woodland Way or as a PDF emailed to gournay@umd.edu.



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Week of MAY 21

FRI. – SAT.

Robin Hood, PG-13

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Iron Man 2, PG-13

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9:45, 10:25

Just Wright, PG (!)

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Shrek Forever After, PG (!)

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Greenbelt Arts Center



Moon Over Buffalo

Fridays, May 21, 28 at 8:00 PM
Saturdays, May 22, 29 at 8:00 PM
Sunday, May 23 at 3:00 PM

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Obituaries

Martha H. Warren

Martha Hope Wills Warren, 67, of Brett Place in Greenbelt East, died on May 9, 2010, following a short battle with cancer.



Born February 16, 1943, in New Haven, Connecticut, Mrs. Warren moved to Greenbelt in 1975 when her husband took a job at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. She was employed as a Human Resources Specialist at the University System of Maryland for 25 years.

She was a member of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt and the National Capital Astronomers.

Mrs. Warren is survived by her husband of 43 years, Wayne H. Warren, Jr., her son Kenneth of Baltimore, daughters Sandra of St. Augustine, Florida and Katherine of Greenbelt, three grandchildren and six nieces.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 1 to 4 p.m., at the offices of the University System of Maryland, Elkins Building, 3300 Metzert Road in Adelphi. Family members will speak at 1:30 p.m.

Donations may be made to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation, 845 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022 (<https://www.cancerresearchfoundation.org/donate.htm>) and/or to Capital Hospice, Philanthropy Office, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, VA 22042 (<http://www.capitalhospice.org/support/donation/>).

Mowatt to Dedicate Peace Rose May 22

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will dedicate its newly planted Peace Rose on Saturday, May 22 at noon. The rosebush is the first plant in Mowatt's peace garden, which when fully planted will surround the Peace Pole.

The community is invited to join in the dedication service, to be held outdoors near the driveway at 40 Ridge Road.

Tours in ASL At National Gallery

Every Thursday through July at 1 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will offer a special public tour in American Sign Language (ASL). This 45-minute tour is led by students and alumni from Gallaudet University and is also interpreted into English. The tour departs from the West Building Rotunda.



Our sympathy to News Review staffer Leonie Penney and her family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Brand of Takoma Park, from complications of a long-standing illness. She was the wife of Leonie's son, the late Walter Penney, Jr., and mother of Walter and Vanessa Penney, both students at the University of Maryland. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, May 22 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Condolences to Dianne Wilkerson and her family on the May 8, 2010, death of her mother.

Our sympathy to Wayne H. Warren, Jr., of Greenbelt East, family and friends on the death of his wife Martha Hope Wills Warren on May 9.

Congratulations to:

– Former Greenbelter Marie Crenwelge, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va., with a dual major in music and music education on May 15.

She graduated in the top 23 of her 1,000-student class with a final GPA of 3.94 and every honor offered by the college and music department. She was a drum major in the Shepherd University Marching Band for two years and received recognition by the University's Friends of Music in her junior year. She is the daughter of Randy Crenwelge of Laurel Hill Road and Kathleen Lilly and step-dad Dave Lilly of Martinsburg, W.Va.

– The five students from Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools who received awards at last Saturday's county Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Fair at ERHS: Nia Brown, Grace Seo, David Gardner, Mira Willson and Tyler Moncayo.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
May 23, 10 a.m.

"Margaret Fuller: Celebrating the Kind of Life She Led" by the Rev. Diane Teichert, with Shantida, worship associate.

Margaret Fuller, a 19th century woman for the 21st century, was women's rights activist, friend of Emerson and Thoreau and America's first female foreign news correspondent.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service

Summer Schedule Starts May 30 – 9:30 a.m., One Service

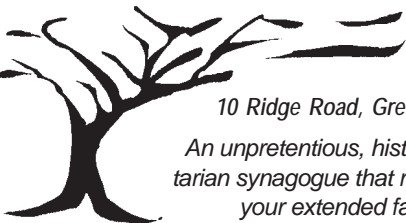


Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

"When all mankind shall receive the same opportunity of education and the equality of men and women be realized, the foundations of war will be utterly destroyed."



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us



Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.

Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.

Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development.

Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Old Town Bowie Open on Saturday

On Saturday, May 22 the Old Town Bowie Welcome Center and Bowie Heritage and Children's Museum are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A&M Cycle will give out free maps with state and local bicycle trails.

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net

Sunday School : 9:30 am
Worship : 11:00 am
Child Care Available
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Wellcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

Hope Fellowship

... living life together

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning! Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv.

99 Centerway Greenbelt Rec Center
(Behind the Community Center)

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301-474-4499

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST
AT S.O.M.E.
Sunday, May 30
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 24th, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations

- Memorial Day Poppy Presentation – Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary
- Click It or Ticket Month Proclamation
- Peace Month Proclamation

Public Hearings

- Proposed FY 2011 Budget
- Constant Yield Tax Rate

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
Minutes of Council Meetings

- * - Work Session, April 19, 2010
- * - Work Session, April 21, 2010
- * - Regular Meeting, April 26, 2010
- * - Work Session, May 3, 2010
- * - Work Session, May 5, 2010
- * - Regular Meeting, May 10, 2010
- * - Work Session, May 12, 2010
- * - Work Session, May 17, 2010

Administrative Reports
Council Reports
Committee Reports

- Arts Advisory Board, Report #10-3 (Additional Recognition Group Applications)

LEGISLATION
OTHER BUSINESS

- Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2010-01 (Naming the Forest Preserve)
- Advisory Planning Board Report #10-01 (Street Smart Pedestrian Safety Program)
- Federal Legislation – HR 3852/S 1816 (Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act)
- Other Reports
 - * Appointment to Advisory Group
 - * Reappointments to Advisory Groups
 - * Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works
INVITATION TO BID
Scope of Work
Replacement of two 15-ton roof-top units at Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Request for Bid Package
All vendors interested in bidding on this work can request a bid package by calling the Office of Public Works at 301-474-8004.

Pre-Bid Site Inspection
Arrangements for a site inspection can be arranged by calling Tim Houchens (Facilities Maintenance Manager) at 240-508-4269. It is highly recommended that interested vendors arrange a site visit to measure and verify all clearances and curb requirements by the manufacturer since the vendor is responsible for all phases of the work, including taking all field measurements, installing the equipment, and commissioning the equipment.

Bid Due Date/Time
Thursday, June 10, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. Sealed bids will be opened At 2:10 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room at 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. All vendors are invited to attend the opening of the bids.

This is a Federally-assisted project subject to appropriate Federal, State and local laws and implementation regulations.

FREE PRE-SCHOOL PUPPET SHOW WITH MANDY THE CLOWN
Friday, May 28 AT 9:30A.M.
Greenbelt Youth Center Gym, 15 Crescent Road



Mandy the clown performs an exuberant juggling and comedy that encourages audience participation, imagination and play. Children and adults alike will be delighted with the music, fun, and excitement.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the big finale--A huge dance party with favorites like the "Cha Cha Slide" and the "Cupid Shuffle." Smiles are guaranteed for all.

For more information call 301-397-2200

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department

Greenbelt Recreation Department
25 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-397-2200

GREENBELT RECREATION
Summer Camp Programs

KINDER CAMP, Ages 3-5
CREATIVE KIDS, Ages 6-12
CAMP PINE TREE ONE, Ages 6-8
CAMP PINE TREE TWO, Ages 9-11
YOUTH ON THE GO, Ages 12-14
CAMP ENCORE, Ages 13-15


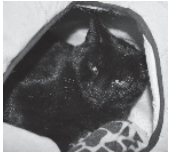
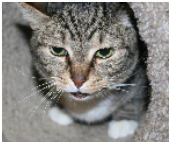



Call 301-397-2200
or visit our web site at
www.greenbeltmd.gov
to explore the exciting opportunities that are awaiting your child.

Download a Summer Camp Brochure and Registration Form at www.greenbeltmd.gov
REGISTER TODAY SPACE IS LIMITED!

Financial Aid Available!

ANIMAL SHELTER
FEATURED PETS
Congratulations to: Camilla and the Guinea Pig on their adoptions.



Frosty: Beautiful white and gray female around 2 years old. **Lex:** 5 year old male tiger stripe. **Midnight:** Friendly black male. **Brett Michaels:** White male cat with yellow tabby markings. In addition to these, the shelter also has a few kittens available!

Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook! Greenbelt Animal Shelter is located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road, is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

Thank you to all for your donations.

For City News and Information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board. For more info call 301-474-8000.

Part-time job opening:

Arts Education Specialist
Recreation Department, \$12.00/hr
Coordinate visual arts classes for all ages. Experience in arts ed/ arts admin preferred.


For more information: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov. Submit completed applications by May 27.

FREE PRODUCE FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED ADULTS PROGRAM
Sponsored by the Greenbelt GAIL Program. Available for the first 150 qualified people that sign up. Program runs from Thursday, June 25 through Thursday, September 23 at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt. Green Ridge House residents please sign up in the lobby. All other Greenbelt residents interested in registering please contact the GAIL Program office at 301-345-6660.

Volunteers are needed.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE


The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road.


Wellness Tour
Smarter. Stronger. Healthier.
Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program Presents:
The AARP/Walgreens
WELLNESS BUS TOUR

Featuring FREE Health Screenings: Total Cholesterol Levels, Blood Pressure, Bone Density, Glucose Levels, Waist Circumference and Body Mass Index

Wednesday, May 26th from 9am-3pm
Municipal Building Parking Lot
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED! SENIORS WILL RECEIVE A FREE YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP TO AARP. ONLY ADULTS WILL BE SCREENED.



MEETINGS FOR MAY 24-28

Monday, May 24th at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/2ND PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET/CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE** at the Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, May 26th. **COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS**
7:30pm, **Welcome Wagon Program**
8:00pm, **Greenbrook Lake Maintenance** at the Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.



CALL 1-866-872-6868 AND COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS OVER THE PHONE!

FOR MORE CENSUS INFORMATION VISIT 2010.CENSUS.GOV

Wildlife Center Puppet Show

The Puppet Show “Little Whooper’s Excellent Adventure” will be presented on Saturday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Follow the life of a very special endangered Whooping Crane as he learns to migrate with the help of his human friends. All ages are welcome. The program is about 20 minutes long. Registration is not necessary.

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

German Lieder Played At National Gallery

On Wednesday, May 26 at 12:10 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will offer a free concert by Randall Scarlata, baritone and Thomas Bagwell, piano, featuring music by Mendelssohn, Schubert and Schumann. The concert is presented in conjunction with the new exhibit, “German Master Drawings from the Wolfgang Ratjen Collection, 1580–1900.” The concert will be held in the Lecture Hall of the West Building.

New Exhibit Honors Jewish Fallen Heroes

In honor of Jewish American Heritage Month the National Museum of American Jewish Military History will pay tribute to the Jewish servicemen and women who have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. A small exhibition entitled Fallen Heroes features photographs and information.

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History is located two blocks from Dupont Circle North metro at 1811 R Street, NW. For more information call 202-265-6280.

Jewish Study Center Family Stories

On Sunday, June 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. the National Museum of American Jewish Military History and the Jewish Study Center will present Family Stories: Sons, Fathers and Zaydes (elderly men or grandfathers).

The museum is looking for photographers, artists, writers or storytellers to participate by providing stories about sons, fathers or zaydes and what makes them tick.

Throughout the afternoon each participant will get up to 10 minutes to tell a story through words, photography, art, drama or video. To register for a time slot or for more information call Mary Westley at 202-265-6280 or email mwestley@nmajmh.org.

The entries will be photographed and placed on the museum’s web page and mentioned in its quarterly publication, The Jewish Veteran. This event is open to the public and admission is free. Guided tours of the museum exhibits for the adults will be available with treasure hunts for kids (reading age and up).

The museum is located at 1811 R Street, N.W.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Greenbelt students win awards in the Prince George’s County Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Fair on Saturday, May 15. Pictured, left to right, from Greenbelt Elementary School are Nia Brown, 5th Grade Honorable Mention; Grace Seo, 4th Grade participant; David Gardner, 6th Grade First Place and Excellence in Engineering Award; and Mira Willson, 5th Grade Third Place. (Not pictured: Tyler Moncayo from Springhill Lake Elementary School, 4th Grade Honorable Mention.)

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Tuesday, June 1, 1 to 6 p.m.,
I.U.E.C. Local 10, Main Building,
9600 Martin Luther King Blvd., Lanham
Saturday, June 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Wells Ice Rink & Pool,
5200 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park
Tuesday, June 29, 2 to 8 p.m.,
Greenbelt Municipal Building,
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, May 27th, 2010

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GREENBELT HOMES INC.

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THE CO-OPERATIVE

GDC Key Agenda Items:

• 501(c)3 Application

GHI Key Agenda Items:

• Certification of Election

• Board Reorganization and Election of Officers

• Appointment of Member Complaints Panels

• Designation of GDC Stockholders

• Board Meeting Procedures

• Set Summer and Fall Meeting Schedule

• Yard Line Certification: 20A-F Hillside Road

• Proposed Service-side Door with Decorative Glass, 57C Ridge Road

• Community Upgrade Financing

• New Name for Member & Community Relations Committee

• Identify Topics for Stakeholder Meeting with City Council

• 2010 Underground Utility Contract – 1st Reading

• 2010 Attached Garage Roof Repair Contract – 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Festival Notes

Volunteers Needed

The Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the 2010 Festival. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Email labor-day@greenbelt.com for more information.

Miss Greenbelt

Miss Greenbelt 2009 Amber Youhouse is registered in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure that will take place Saturday, June 5. The team is “Miss Greenbelt for the Cure” and is the fundraiser Youhouse chose to fulfill her Miss Greenbelt obligations. Donations can be made by

going online to www.globalrace.info-komen/org and searching for either “Miss Greenbelt for the Cure” or “Amber Youhouse.”

Entertainment

There will be another Greenbelt Idols competition this year. Contestants will perform on Friday, September 3. For more information contact greenbeltidols@yahoo.com. There is a \$500 cash prize to the winner. Contestants must be at least 16 years old.

Shuttle

The committee is looking for shuttle drivers. Shuttles run throughout the festival weekend. Email labor-day@greenbelt.com to volunteer.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING for Monday, May 24, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2010-2011 REVENUES

Taxes	\$20,312,100
Licenses & Permits....	1,129,200
Revenue from Other Agencies ..	903,600
Service Charges for Current Services	2,070,700
Fines & Forfeitures....	518,000
Miscellaneous Revenues ...	240,500
Interfund Transfers	75,100

TOTAL REVENUES.. \$25,249,200

Appropriation of Fund Balance 0

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$2,514,500
Planning and Community Development ...	1,051,600
Public Safety	10,383,800
Public Works	3,041,800
Social Services ..	828,300
Recreation and Parks	5,104,000
Miscellaneous....	190,600
Non-Departmental.....	531,600
Fund Transfers...	1,288,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$24,934,200

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$680,000
Cemetery Fund ..	5,100
Debt Service Fund.....	925,000
Replacement Fund.....	721,800
Special Projects Fund	420,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS... \$2,751,900

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,420,400
2001 Bond Fund	722,455
Community Development Block Grant Fund ...	240,000
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund..	106,424

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS \$2,489,279

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House ...	\$1,321,400
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the second and final Public Hearing on the budget. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at cmurrayr@greenbeltnmd.gov. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Cindy Murray, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 21, and streaming live at www.greenbeltnmd.gov.

121 CENTERWAY, ROOSEVELT CENTER

Farm Fresh Produce	
Fresh Pict Sweet Corn white/bi-Color	12/\$2 ⁹⁹
Red Ripe Whole Seedless Watermelons each	\$3 ⁸⁸
Fresh Eastern Peaches	\$1 ⁹⁹ lb.
Fresh Crop Russet Potatoes 5 lb.	\$1 ⁹⁹
Fresh Ripe Cluster Tomatoes on the vine	\$1 ⁹⁹ lb.
California Driscoll Strawberries 1 lb. pk	\$2 ⁹⁹

Fresh Value Pack Grade A Split Chicken Breasts	89¢ lb.
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast	\$2.99 lb.

Fresh Quality Meats	
Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef	\$1.99 lb.
Hatfield Meat Franks Select Varieties 1 lb.	99¢ lb.
Ball Park Meat Franks Assorted 12-16 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
Hillshire Farms Kielbasa or Smoked Sausage Assorted 14-16 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
Mama Lucia Homestyle Meatballs 11-12 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Fresh Value Pack Boneless New York Strip Steaks	\$7.99 lb.
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Dairy		Deli		Frozen	
Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese Chunks Asst. 7-10 oz. \$1²⁵	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz. \$2⁸⁹	Deli Gourmet Virginia Cooked Ham \$4⁹⁹_{lb.}	Banquet Classic Dinners Assorted 5-10 oz. \$1²⁵	Celeste Pizza for One Assorted 5-6 oz. \$1⁰⁰	
Kraft Phila. Cream Cheese 8 oz. box \$1²⁵	Turkey Hill Iced Tea or Lemonade Assorted 64 oz. \$1⁵⁰	Deli Gourmet Corned Beef \$5⁹⁹_{lb.}	Shurfine Vegetables & Blends Assorted 16 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Mrs. Smith's 8 inch Pies Assorted 26-27 oz. \$2⁹⁸	
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Customer Appreciation Discount Day Wednesday, May 26th 5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)		Natural & Gourmet	Bakery
Nature Made Vitamins & Supplements Assorted 24-300 pk. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	Fresh Catch Salmon Portions 2 pk. \$7⁹⁸_{lb.}			Wat-Aah Ultra Pure Water Assorted 16 oz. 79¢	Fresh Store Baked Hamburger & Hot Dog Rolls 8 pk. 99¢
Western Family 2-in-1 Shampoo & Conditioner 14.2 oz. \$2⁹⁹	Frozen Lump Crab Meat 1 lb. \$9⁹⁹_{lb.}			Bear Creek Darn Good Chili Mix Makes 1/2 gallon 9.8 oz. \$2⁹⁹	Fresh Original Store Baked Fruit Pies Cherry/Apple/Blueberry 8 inch \$2⁹⁹

Kraft Barbecue Sauces Assorted 16-28 oz.	88¢	Bush's Best Baked Beans Assorted 21-28 oz.	3/\$5⁰⁰	Grocery Bargains Hellmann's Mayonnaise Assorted 22-40 oz.	\$2⁵⁰	Hunt's Spaghetti Sauce Assorted 26 oz.	\$1²⁵	Barilla Spaghetti & Macaroni Assorted 13-16 oz.	\$1²⁵
Lipton Tea Bags 100 pk.	\$2⁹⁹	General Mills Chex Cereals Assorted 12-14 oz.	\$2⁵⁰	Shurfine Assorted Soda 2 liter	80¢	Utz Potato Chips Assorted 10 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	Doritos Tortilla Chips Assorted 11-14 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

<p>NOW INTRODUCING best buy \$avings on thousands of items throughout the store Look for the best buy signs in all departments.</p>	<p>Yuengling Beers 6 pk. – 12 oz. cans</p> <p>\$4⁸⁹</p>	<p>Beer & Wine</p> <p>Heineken Beers 12 pk. – 12 bottles</p> <p>\$13⁹⁹</p>	<p>Sierra Nevade Ales 6 pk. - bottles</p> <p>\$8⁶⁹</p>	<p>Blockbuster \$1 Movie Rentals Now At Co-op!</p> 
	<p>Alto Tierucca Wines 750 ML.</p> <p>\$6⁹⁹</p>	<p>Jacob's Creek Wines 750 ML</p> <p>\$7⁶⁹</p>	<p>Banrock Station Wines 3 Liter</p> <p>\$13⁹⁹</p>	

Prices Effective: MAY						
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Sunday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-0522

PHARMACY

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Saturday 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-4400
Closed Sunday

Mock Car Crash at ERHS



One morning at the end of April police and fire departments conducted a mock car crash scene re-enactment in the parking lot of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in front of a large group of students. Demonstrating the response of police and fire officials to a fatal car crash involving injured persons and an intoxicated driver, it involved the Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Fire Departments and the high school's Students Against Destructive Decisions members, who played the crash victims. The crash was staged to remind students of the consequences of making destructive decisions such as drinking and driving.

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drainage issue is due to its low location in that area and a total solution would require a costly drainage project.

Concerning electronic recycling efforts, Robles noted that the city is receiving more items but that the weight of returned electronics is down. She added that recycling efforts are increasing within the city and within the city's buildings. Problems continue, however, with styrofoam food container packaging, which is not recyclable. She urged that such products not be used for city-catered events.

City Contractors

In response to previous council concerns regarding the city's use of contractors to perform maintenance and repair activities for the department and for city facilities, staff had prepared and handed out a comprehensive report. The listing totaled \$131,787.41 for building operations contracts during Fiscal Year 2010.

Contracted services included maintenance of fire alarm systems, water treatment, pest control, testing services, floor finishing and cleaning material rental. Not included in the list were the landscape and lawn maintenance and facility cleaning contracts.

Apparently there had been a misunderstanding by the mayor that generation of this information had resulted from a concern by Councilmember Rodney Roberts that the city was doing too much contracting. Roberts said that was not the case. He felt that if there were a need for staff reductions, such contractors should be dropped first, he said, rather than that city employees should lose their jobs. Staff discussion made it clear that the

level of contract services was appropriate and that contracts are mainly for services where city employees have no particular expertise.

In the case of contracts, staff pointed out that mowing and other landscaping contracts constitute a savings for the city, which would otherwise require hiring two or three full-time employees and additional equipment. Cleaning work at the Aquatic and Fitness Center is necessarily done after hours. Having city employees do this work would require overtime.

Councilmembers praised staff for the excellent refitting of the council dais to accommodate the two new members comfortably and Public Works officials thanked the city for funding snow blowers, that were helpful to have during "Snowmageddon."

Budget Lower

For the department's responsibilities overall, the Public Works Administration budget for FY11 is \$3,041,800 – \$224,200 less than the estimated transactions for FY10 and \$83,400 less than what was budgeted last year. The budget for Maintenance of Multi-Purpose Equipment is proposed at \$279,200 for FY11, a decrease of \$300 from last year's estimated expenditures and \$25,700 less than last year's budgeted amount.

The proposed FY11 budget includes \$100,000 for Traffic Control, \$24,600 less than the amount budgeted last year. The FY11 budget for Street Maintenance is \$729,800, about \$70,000 less than last year's budgeted amount but \$223,600 less than what was actually expended last year (\$953,400).

The Street Landscaping budget portion for FY11 is \$33,500, nearly a 50 percent decrease from what was budgeted last year. Hall advised council that the \$33,500 could go higher by the end of FY11.

On the revenue side, the Streets budget is constrained for the second year by a cut in state shared highway taxes. The annual contribution in "state shared revenues," based upon the miles of roads in a community, peaked for Greenbelt at \$639,687 in FY08. In FY09 that contribution from highway taxes was \$556,635 and it dropped to \$51,000 in FY10 and will continue at that level for FY11.

That situation and a similar reduction in expected Police Aid from the state is a significant hit for the City of Greenbelt's budget. In spite of sharp reductions in the State Highway Users Revenue, however, city officials indicate they will not be cutting back on planned street maintenance for the coming fiscal year.

The Waste Collection budget is nearly flat at \$771,300 for FY11. This is just \$9,800 more than last year's expected costs but lower by about \$12,000 than the FY10 budget amount. The Waste Collection fees for residents are proposed to be increased by \$3 to \$63 per quarter.

Finally Hall delivered a bit of bad news that settlement problems had caused damage to sanitary sewer lines at the new Public Works facility and the piping is being replaced. Costs for the replacement will be borne by the contractor but the needed repairs have been disruptive and annoying to the Public Works employees.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

May 13, 10:36 a.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered a business, displayed a handgun and demanded money. He is described as a black male, 35 to 42 years old, 5'9" to 5'11" tall, 165 to 180 pounds, wearing a blue jacket, gray shirt, blue jeans and a black baseball hat.

Trespassing

May 9, 3:05 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 19-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 10, 9:42 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 22-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglaries

May 10, 1:17 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A laptop and stereo system were taken.

May 11, 3:55 p.m., 58 Court Crescent Road. A bicycle was taken from a front yard.

May 11, 5:48 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. An attempted burglary occurred.

Vandalism

May 10, 11:51 a.m., Buddy Attick Lake Park. Scratches were made on the door and mirror of the mens' bathroom.

May 11, 9:39 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A window was broken.

May 12, 4:36 p.m., 24 Court Ridge Road. A glass storm door was broken.

Drug Arrest

May 13, 4:51 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 38-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

Three cars were stolen, all bearing MD tags: A black 1998 Chrysler Town & Country taken May 8 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive, a tan 2005 Toy-

ota Camry taken May 10 from the 9100 block Edmonston Court and a green 1995 Dodge Neon taken May 14 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

A black 2004 Acura MDX stolen from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway was recovered May 13 by Prince George's County Police in the 3100 block Good Hope Avenue, Temple Hills, with no arrests made.

Three reports of thefts from autos were received: 37 Court Ridge Road (four gallons of gas siphoned from a car), 6000 block Greenbelt Road (camera, GPS unit, watch and ID card) and 8000 block Mandan Road (rear MD tag).

Vandalism was reported in three locations: 9100 block Edmonston Road (car scratched and tires cut), 20 block Ridge Road (tires cut) and 400 block Ridge Road (car window broken).



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money and a packet. Although that area is under camera surveillance, no police officers arrived to question the women. I wonder if any officers had been present whether they would've stopped the women (although I know one was simply selling a pair of earrings to another). If we are going to subject one group of residents to a standard of interrogation, we should subject everyone to it.

Police behavior is not the only issue we need to examine. We also need to look at how city services are concentrated in the whitest part of town and how many residents in Greenbelt East and West are not aware of the city services their tax dollars fund. And I remain disturbed by the racist graffiti and the level of anger that was directed at the African American city council candidate from Greenbelt West, Che Sayles. A lot of issues were at play in that situation but there seemed to be a labeling of him as an "outsider" who did not embrace the Greenbelt way. I wonder if he would've been treated the same way if he had been a white candidate from Old Greenbelt.

I am not pointing blame at any one institution or group of people in Greenbelt. This is an issue for all of us and requires thought and action. I think it's time to look at what needs to be done today. Several of us have been meeting to talk about how to address racism and classism in Greenbelt and potentially about holding an event during the 75th anniversary in 2012. If you are interested, please contact me at cjnewc@igc.org.

Cynthia Newcomer

Library Reminiscent Of War Hardships

Thank you to each of you who is now keeping the library's temporary "Forward Location" going. We appreciate your patience in answering so many questions. Your helpfulness and your sense of humor – so many books and videos and wires in so small an area. In a way, this whole compact set up is a lot like the World War II era, when people "made do" during times of shortages and problems and continual changes. And they made it all work! So they had ended up with true stories to share afterward. These still encourage us today.

We can also thank the other Greenbelt organizations for letting us use their room in the Community Center. It turns out that, for all of the other Prince George's County Library branches, there was no alternate location for serving the public while their main building was being renovated. So we are blessed to be able to order titles, check the computers and browse the books and videos on-site.

Being able to enjoy this scene from an earlier time will be yet another reason why "Greenbelt is Great!"

Christopher K. Scherer

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the FBI for 100,000 to 200,000 square feet of office space, not for the entire headquarters, she reported.

At Senator Mikulski's office, Rachael MacKnight told Wiggins that the senator is aware that the FBI building "is literally crumbling around them and cannot support the high-tech needs of the bureau." At the senator's request, the Government Accountability Office was asked to review the FBI facilities and assess the benefits of a consolidated headquarters and is now doing so, Wiggins reported MacKnight as saying. Such a move to Prince George's County would be a boost for the county in the eyes of many county officials.

Wiggins also reported that a National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and University of Maryland Real Estate Development Program study found that the county received only four percent of this region's federal leasing dollars even though it had 33 percent of the region's land area and 23 percent of the population.

History Lesson At Riversdale

This year Riversdale is offering a scholarly lecture once every quarter. The spring lecture, on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m., will feature Donald Shomette, underwater archaeologist, historian and author, with a talk about "New Perspectives on the Battle of Bladensburg." Shomette will provide insight into his research for his recently published book, "Flotilla: The Patuxent Naval Campaign in the War of 1812."


There is a fee for this walk-in program. Reservations are not required.




Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park. For more information call 301-864-0420 TTY 301-699-2544. Visit the website at www.pg parks.com or email Riversdale@pgparks.com.

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Congressman Steny H. Hoyer is inviting constituents to a telephone town hall meeting on Monday, May 24 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and wants to hear from 5th District residents on the economy, fiscal responsibility and Congress’ efforts to help middle class families. He is seeking feedback from constituents on the issues important to them including efforts to create jobs and strengthen the middle class, as well as Congress’ work to eliminate wasteful spending and restore fiscal responsibility.

People living in Maryland’s Fifth Congressional District (Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s counties and portions of Prince George’s and Anne Arundel counties) can participate by calling 877-269-7289 and using pin number 12897.

A telephone town hall is similar to a large-scale conference call allowing people to participate from the convenience of their homes. Previous town halls have drawn up to 3,800 people in contrast to traditional town halls where often no more than a few hundred participate.

New Anacostia River Guide Is Available

Exploring the historic Anacostia River just got a bit easier with the publication of the new Anacostia River Water Trail Guide by the Anacostia Watershed Society, The Conservation Fund and the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail.

The guide features maps and trails that highlight historical, cultural, natural and recreational points of interest on or adjacent to the river, which can be explored by car, bike, foot and water.

A copy can be downloaded from the society website at <http://www.anacostiaws.org/explore/maps>.

Beltsville Garden Club To Meet Wednesday

The monthly meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club will be on Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

The guest speaker this month will be Joshua Nadler whose topic will be “Mitigating Tree Hazards from Snowmageddon.” The record-breaking amount of snow in the area last winter caused tree care complications not usually experienced. Nadler will discuss tree “clean up” strategies used by the University of Maryland at College Park, how to prepare for record snow accumulations and tree species that tolerate heavy snow loads.

Nadler enjoys promoting and discussing trees and shrubs for ornamental landscapes with an emphasis on newer selections. A certified arborist since 2004, he holds a patent and registered trademark on the Kindred Spirit Hybrid Oak.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free. For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the club website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Aviation Museum Hosts Egg Drop

Is it possible to drop a fresh egg 20 feet onto a concrete floor without cracking it (the egg, that is)? An Egg Drop Contest will be held at the College Park Aviation Museum on Saturday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are no age restrictions and participants may work individually or in groups. All materials – including eggs – will be provided. Prizes will be awarded. Pre-registration is required but there is no charge beyond the normal museum fee. For details call 301-864-6029.

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The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Under-8 girls soccer team has won four games, lost one and tied one this season in the northern division of its county league and will play in league championship games this weekend. From left to right, Jasmyn Brown, Andrea Rafaelano, Jailyn Brown, Stephanie Whiteman, Natalia Rincon, Karianne Zevallos, Isha Santhosh, Asha Brown and Aliya Belay. (Princesse Owona is missing from the photo.) David Whiteman and Rafael Rincon coach the team.

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more aggressively marketing the pool was one already raised by several councilmembers. Emmett Jordan noted that the number of nonresidents and corporate passholders has dropped and urged more marketing outside of Greenbelt. Councilmember Edward Putens disagreed, saying that city taxpayers paid to build the pool. While it is nice to have nonresidents help cover the costs, he did not want to see a situation, as happened at the outdoor pool on weekends, where nonresidents crowded out residents.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked what it would take for the Aquatic and Fitness Center to pay for itself. Parks responded that no public facility has ever been completely self-sustaining. McNeal noted at its peak the Center recouped about 90 percent of its costs. Since then, however, other public facilities opened, competing with Greenbelt for customers and utility costs have increased significantly. Davis added that new safety requirements regarding pool drains and the number of lifeguards on duty have also driven up costs. When Davis asked Roberts if he was suggesting that pass rates be raised, Roberts said he was asking staff for their opinions as to how to better manage the facility to increase revenues. We can do better than 60 percent of expenditures, he said, “it’s a great facility.”

McLaughlin said that would require a different business model and fee structure. He agreed to add it as a management objective for the coming year and report back to council.

Greenbelt New Year

There was relatively little dispute about McLaughlin’s proposal to eliminate the city’s support of the New Year celebration. Even Larry Hilliard, one of the program’s founders, did not object, although he urged maintaining other arts programs. McNeal, also involved in the program’s birth, suggested that the program may simply have run its course, as have many “first night” programs.

Davis said that it may be time to let the program “lie fallow” and hope that a new group of

volunteers will organize to resurrect it.

Recreation Brochure

Another cost savings proposal is to switch to electronic distribution of the quarterly recreation brochure. Instead, postcards will be sent to the addresses that now receive the brochure telling residents how to get the brochure. The options include visiting the city’s website and calling the city and to request a brochure by mail.

McHale said that the department has been asking registrants where they learned of the programs and few cited the brochure. More people learn of the city’s programs through school or through the city’s email blasts. Davis agreed, noting that when she is speaking to groups and shows the brochure, most people say they’ve never seen it.

Scholarships

Last year the city introduced a recreation scholarship program with a budget of \$10,000. Current year expenditures are estimated at \$5,000, so McLaughlin budgeted that amount for the coming year. Councilmember Leta Mach questioned this, saying that in tough economic times the city should help those who need it most. The budget notes state that this program has subsidized art classes at Springhill Lake Elementary and special events at Empirian Village.

Arts Coordinator Nicole DeWald noted that other funds are also available to support the arts and senior activities such as the Mary P. Geiger Fund. McNeal added that the Lions and Golden Age Clubs also provide support and promised that no one who needs help will go without. If he and McHale cannot find a way to help, they will inform the city manager, he said.

Greenbelt Kids

The city offers a variety of programs for the city’s youth, including 10 different summer camps, a spring camp, after camp classes, a summer playground program, the “Schools Out” program, “Mom’s Morning Out,” a variety of classes and sports leagues and “Teen Treks.”

Together these programs served an estimated 38,640 participants in the current year (ending June 30). The city is projecting a slight increase in participation this year, however, camp registration is slow.

When asked why the Teen Treks program’s participation numbers had dropped, from 119 in 2009 to just 50 this year, Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda told council that the most popular program, snow tubing, was cancelled this year due to the blizzard. Not all the blame can be placed on the overabundance of white stuff, however, as the number of teen treks fell from eight in 2009 to just two in the current year.

The “Leisure and Fitness” (or as Councilmember Emmett Jordan suggested the “Fitness and Leisure”) budget establishes a management objective to create a program to provide education about city parks. Sports and Recreation Coordinator Andrew Phelan said the goal is to introduce a Park Ranger program at Buddy Attick Park to provide educational tours of city parks. Or, as McNeal said, to use parks as outdoor classrooms.

Special Events

Davis, supported by Mach, suggested eliminating the annual Pet Expo, retaining only the rabies clinic.

Revised Rezoning Sought For Beltway Plaza Mall

by James Giese

GB Mall Limited Partnership has submitted a revised conceptual site plan for the rear portion of its property, Beltway Plaza. The proposal calls for adding new construction to the rear side of the mall facing Empirian Village – 700 residential units and approximately 22,000 square feet of new retail shops on approximately 15.4 acres. It would be necessary for Prince George’s County to rezone this property to the MUI (Mixed Use Infill) zone before this additional construction could be accomplished.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission referred the proposal to the City of Greenbelt in early March with response due by April 1. However, Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze said that city staff has not yet undertaken a review of the proposal because it is incomplete. She does not expect the matter to be referred to the city’s Advisory Planning Board until sometime this summer.

Previously, Beltway Plaza owners submitted a request to rezone the entire shopping center property of 54.39 acres to the MUI zone. This was at a time when the owners of Springhill Lake apartments (now Empirian Village) were proposing to tear down and replace all existing apartments with denser development varying from elevator luxury apartments to townhouses, with most of the new structures being rental. At the same time, Metroland Developers were proposing extensive mixed-use development for the Greenbelt Metro Station property and the former A. H. Smith property to the south. Also, real estate construction was booming. All these plans and proposals were either dropped or went into limbo when the real estate market crashed.

Original Proposal

The original proposal called for adding 1,400 residential units to the existing 800,000 square feet of additional retail space. A concept plan submitted called for the extension of Springhill Lane in Empirian Village south to Greenbelt Road, eliminating a portion of the existing mall

through which the road would run. The mall was to be converted into a town center type of development rather than an enclosed mall.

The owners now propose adding 700 dwelling units between the existing retail buildings and Breezewood Drive, consisting of 450 rental units, 150 owner-occupied units and 100 age-restricted units, although the specific number of each could change until final approval is rendered for a detailed site plan. For 700 units, the density would be 45.5 dwelling units per acre.

The applicant justifies the MUI rezoning on the basis that the property is adjacent to Empirian Village, already zoned MUI and non-residential development (Beltway Plaza) with a floor area ratio in excess of 0.15, the minimum required by law. The area to be rezoned is that part of the mall property nearest to the Metro Station and directly across the street from Empirian Village.

The proposal would provide quality development within a safe and effective multimodal transit system that balances transit, bicycle, pedestrian and automobile circulation, according to the applicant. Its location as relates to existing development will all combine to create a sense of community identity and place. The development is also expected to provide for the revitalization and enhancement of Beltway Plaza, which is consistent with the land use concept of the Sector Plan for this area.

The applicant further contends that the proposed addition to the shopping center will “transform the area from a largely unused parking lot to a vibrant development” that will provide integration between the new construction and existing development within proximity of the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Craze expressed concern that the new proposal just added on to the back of Beltway Plaza and ignored the front area of the shopping center. “They are not looking at revitalization of Beltway Plaza, but just adding to it,” she said.

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